



**SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD  
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096  
FULL MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE**

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Mayor: Lois Salter  
Council Members: Rodney Hammond, Scott Lee, Chip McDaniel, Bob Smith, Rebecca Spitler  
City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator, City Marshal – Rob Hiller  
Dick Carothers – City Attorney

Members of the Public: 2

Members of the Press: 0

**WORK SESSION**

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The mayor and council reviewed the meeting agenda and materials with staff.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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Salter called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

**AGENDA**

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Salter solicited motions regarding the agenda.

**McDaniel made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Lee seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of June 15, 2023, Council Meeting
- b) Financial Statements of May 2023 – Unaudited
- c) 2022 Financial Statement – Audited

**Smith made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Spitler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

## OLD BUSINESS

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There was no old business to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS

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a) R-23-03, Resolution to Adopt 2023 Millage Rate

Threadgill: You have before you a recommended millage rate of 1.348 mills for the year 2023. This recommended rate is equal to the rollback rate. As an example, for a home with a fair market value of \$725,000 in 2022, the city property tax was \$421.95. For a home of the same value in 2023, the tax will be \$390.92, which represents a 7.35% reduction in taxes year to year. The citizen Finance Committee unanimously supports the recommended rate.

**Hammond made a motion to adopt R-23-03, a resolution to levy an ad valorem tax for the calendar year of 2023 at the rate of 1.348 mills on all property subject to taxation in the City of Berkeley Lake. McDaniel seconded the motion. All remaining council members were in favor and the motion passed.**

b) R-23-04, Call for Municipal General Election, Appoint Absentee Ballot Clerk

Threadgill: The Municipal General Election is scheduled for November 7, 2023, to fill the expiring terms of the Mayor and Council Members Bob Smith and Rebecca Spitler. This resolution calls for that election and provides pertinent information such as the schedule for the qualifying period as well as advance in person voting and the compensation to be paid to poll officials. In addition, it provides for the appointment of the absentee ballot clerk.

**Lee made a motion to adopt R-23-04, a resolution to call for the Municipal General Election to be held on November 7, 2023, to appoint Leigh Threadgill as absentee ballot clerk, and to establish compensation for poll officials. Smith seconded the motion. All remaining council members were in favor and the motion passed.**

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Andrea Alabi, 2879 Gala Trail in Snellville, introduced herself as a candidate for Gwinnett County District Attorney. She thanked the Mayor and Council for having her and noted that she grew up in Gwinnett County. She stated that she is interested in hearing any thoughts or opinions on the criminal justice system from Berkeley Lakers and invited citizens to reach out to her at [info@alabiforda.com](mailto:info@alabiforda.com). She is also on all social media platforms @alabiforda.

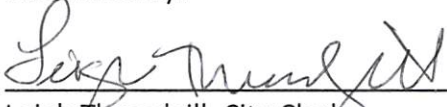
## ADJOURNMENT

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**There being no further business to discuss, Spitler moved to adjourn. Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by:

  
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Leigh Threadgill, City Clerk

